



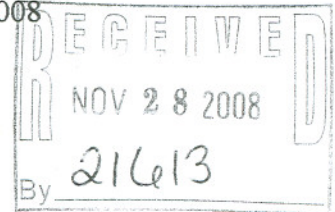
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November 26, 2008

Ms. Eileen Swan
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November 26, 2008



RE: FRANKLIN BOROUGH RESOLUTIONS

✓ **NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN
CONFORMANCE**

**RESOLUTION SEEKING AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO PETITION FOR
SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 114 AND
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HIGHLANDS
COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A HIGHLANDS INITIAL
ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Ms. Swan:

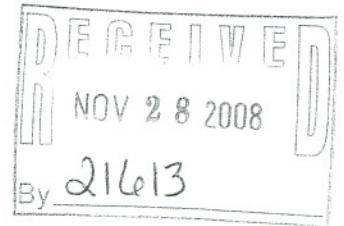
On behalf of the Borough, I would like to thank you and Mr. Borden for taking the time to make a presentation to the governing body and planning board last night. Your efforts to maintain open communications with the municipalities in the Highlands are appreciated.

Enclosed, please find signed copies of the resolutions adopted by the governing body on November 25th.

Very truly,

James C. Kilduff
Planning & Community Development Director

cc, w/out enc.: Mayor Paul Crowley
Rich Wolak, Administrator



RESOLUTION

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN

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WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin believes at this time it is in the best interest of the Borough of Franklin to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Franklin hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all its lands which lie within the Planning Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin intends to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands

Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands in the Planning Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this non binding Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Borough of Franklin has set November 1, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

CERTIFICATION: I, Patricia A. Leasure, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin at a meeting held in the Franklin Borough Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, at 7:00PM on the date of November 25, 2008.


Patricia A. Leasure, Borough Clerk